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Introduction

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[redacted] the Frontier Defense Forces Officers' School at ~~CHERBON~~ [redacted] During the last year at the school, the students received not only specific border guard training, but also extensive infantry training intended to prepare them to be company grade infantry officers in event of war. The training consisted of theoretical classroom studies; map as well as practical field exercises; and problems involving infantry tactics on squad, platoon, and company levels. In the exercises, infantry manuals, and equipment tables of infantry units up to and including regiment were used, but units above company level were not directly played up in the problems and were not discussed in detail. Very little attention was given to the study of staff sections and logistic support units above company level. [redacted]

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All information pertaining to the organization of the Polish units was given by the instructors, who used large situation maps, unit symbols, and equipment tables, classified secret. [redacted]

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[redacted] doctrine of the officers' school did not differentiate between peacetime and wartime TOE.

[redacted] taught in the officers' school that all the Polish infantry divisions had enough organic motor transport to displace in one echelon without outside support, and that modernization of the infantry division was a continuous process, in that in the future older models of equipment, such as T-34 tanks, would be replaced by T-54, 37-mm AAA guns by ZSU-57-2; and finally, that self-propelled artillery, caliber and size of unit unknown, would be added to the infantry division.

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The organization of other major units in the Polish Army, such as tank and mechanized divisions and artillery and rocket units, was not studied in detail in the school. [redacted]

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1. Infantry Regiment (See Annex A)

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b. Rifle Battalions: There were three rifle battalions in the infantry regiment. See paragraph 2 below and Annex B.

c. ZPU-4 Battery: The unit was called the anti-aircraft machinegun battery (baterja przeciwlotniczych karabinow maszynowych, PKM-4), but [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] its primary mission was to provide ground support. Its secondary mission was to assist in defense against airborne attack. 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] the ZPU-4 battery. Its strength was about 55 officers and men. The weapons were towed by Lublin-51 trucks. 50X1-HUM

d. AAA Battery: [redacted] it was armed with an unknown number of 37-mm towed AAA guns. 50X1-HUM

e. Recoilless Rifle Battery: [redacted] it was armed with an unknown number of 107-mm recoilless rifles. 50X1-HUM
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f. Mortar Battery: [redacted] it was armed with an unknown number of 120-mm mortars. 50X1-HUM

g. Artillery Battalion: [redacted] it consisted of two batteries of different caliber guns. 50X1-HUM
one battery was armed with ZIS-76 guns. 50X1-HUM

h. Armored Battalion:³ The battalion was composed of two armored companies armed with T-34 tanks. Each armored company had three platoons, each with three tanks. The armor company commander had his own tank, which gave each armored company 10 tanks. The addition of the battalion commander's tank made a total of 21 tanks in an armored battalion. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the infantry regiment never employed more than two infantry battalions on line. 50X1-HUM

i. Signal Platoon: [redacted] there was a signal communications officer in the infantry regiment; therefore [redacted] the unit was platoon size. 50X1-HUM

j. Reconnaissance Unit: [redacted] During instruction and tactical problems at the officers' school the infantry company was given intelligence information from higher headquarters, possibly from the regiment. 50X1-HUM
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2. Infantry Battalion (See Annex B)

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b. Infantry Companies: The battalion had three infantry companies. (For detailed information see paragraph 3 below and Annex C.)

c. ZPU-2 Battery (PKM-2): The estimated strength of the unit was 3 officers and 50 men. Its primary mission was attacking ground targets; however, the ZPU-2 weapons were allegedly also effective against paratroopers and transport-type, piston-driven aircraft. [redacted] the PKM-2 battery replaced the heavy MG company eliminated in 1957. 50X1-HUM

The battery was organized in two platoons. In each platoon were 4 firing sections, making a total of 8 ZPU-2 in the battery, towed by organic Lublin-51 trucks. The battery [redacted] had no administrative 50X1-HUM

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personnel except the first sergeant. The basic load of ammunition was 600 rounds per weapon (300 rounds for one barrel).

d. Recoilless Rifle Element: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was a platoon. It was armed with an unknown number of 82-mm recoilless weapons.

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e. Mortar Battery: There were six 82-mm mortars in the battery. [REDACTED]

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f. AT Battery: The estimated strength of the battery was 40 officers and men. It was organized in two platoons, each armed with three 57-mm AT guns towed by organic ZIS-150 trucks. The basic load of ammunition was unknown.

g. Flamethrower Element: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was a platoon, armed with an unknown number of light flamethrowers (LPO).

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h. Chemical Squad (Dozometryczna Druzyna): The estimated strength of the squad was one NCO and six men. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it consisted of unidentified portable dosimeters and unidentified special clothing. The squad was armed with SMG AK.

i. Signal Element:

[REDACTED] existence at battalion level.

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j. Medical Squad: [REDACTED] ambulance.

It had one NYSA

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k. Transportation Platoon: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the transportation platoon contained the vehicles which were used by the infantry companies and the battalion squads and platoons, excluding the artillery units, which had organic transportation. Specifically, each infantry company was allotted 3 Lublin-51 trucks for its 3 infantry platoons; 1 Lublin for the company headquarters, and 4 GAZ-69 trucks for the heavy MG platoon, making a total of 4 Lublin-51 trucks and 4 GAZ-69 trucks. Since there were 3 infantry companies in the battalion, there were 12 Lublin-51 trucks and 12 GAZ-69 trucks. In addition the battalion headquarters had an estimated 4 Lublin-51 trucks and 4 GAZ-69 trucks, making an estimated total of 16 Lublin-51 trucks and 16 GAZ-69 trucks in the transportation platoon.

3. Infantry Company

The strength of the infantry company was 5 officers and 90 men. The officers were armed with TT pistols and the EM with SMG AK.

a. Company Headquarters: The headquarters consisted of the company commander, the first sergeant, the clerk (Pvt), the supply clerk (Pvt), the cook (Pvt) the messenger (Pvt), the medic (Pvt), and an unrecalled duty private. The position of the deputy commander for political affairs at company level was not decisively established in the officers' school doctrine. Allegedly, as of 1958, a decision of the Ministry of National Defense was pending, regarding the necessity of having a political officer at company level.

b. Infantry Platoons: There were three infantry platoons in the infantry company, each consisting of 1 officer and 21 EM. The platoon commander's assistant was the leader of the first squad, who was a sergeant. There were three squads in the platoon, each with seven men: a squad leader (corporal or

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sergeant); a sniper (Pvt); an LMG gunner (Pvt); an ammunition bearer (Pvt); two riflemen (Pvts); and an RPG₂ gunner (Pvt). Each infantry squad was armed with an RPD light machinegun and an RPG₂ antitank rocket launcher. The basic load of ammunition for the LMG RPD was carried in six pan-type drum magazines (number of rounds per drum unknown but estimated 45). The basic load of RPG₂ ammunition was 6 rounds, type of ammunition unknown.

The men, except the sniper and the RPD gunner who had no individual arms, were armed with SMG AK, wooden stock, and carried an initial issue of ammunition in 3 magazines (number of rounds per magazine unrecalled), plus three hand grenades.

The sniper was armed with a 7.62-mm Mosin-Nagant carbine, M1944 or M1891/30.

c. HMG Platoon: The strength of the platoon was one officer and 20 men, organized into four HMG squads. Each squad had five men: a squad leader (corporal or sergeant); a gunner (Pvt), who carried the HMG during displacement; a loader (Pvt), who carried the carriage of the HMG during displacement; and two ammunition bearers, each of whom carried 500 rounds of ammunition in two boxes.

Each HMG squad was armed with an MG M1943 (Guryanov). The basic load of ammunition per gun was 1000 rounds. Each man was armed with an SMG AK, wooden stock.

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The heavy armored company had two platoons; each platoon had three JS-3 tanks. The heavy armored company commander had his own tank, which gave the company seven JS-3 tanks.

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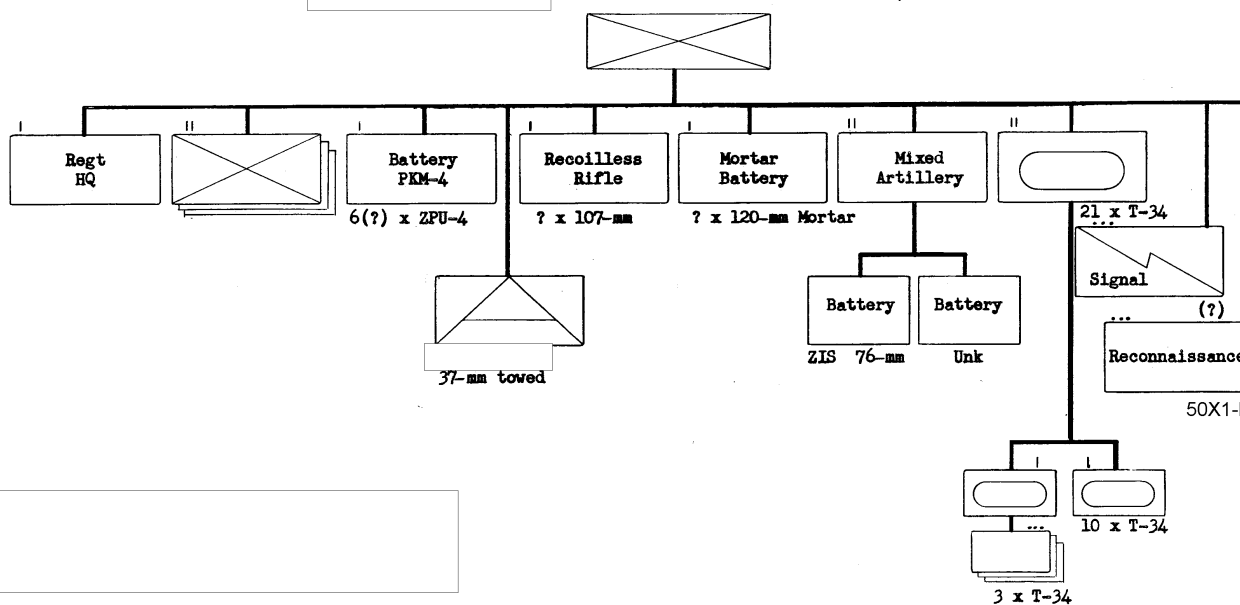
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Annex A

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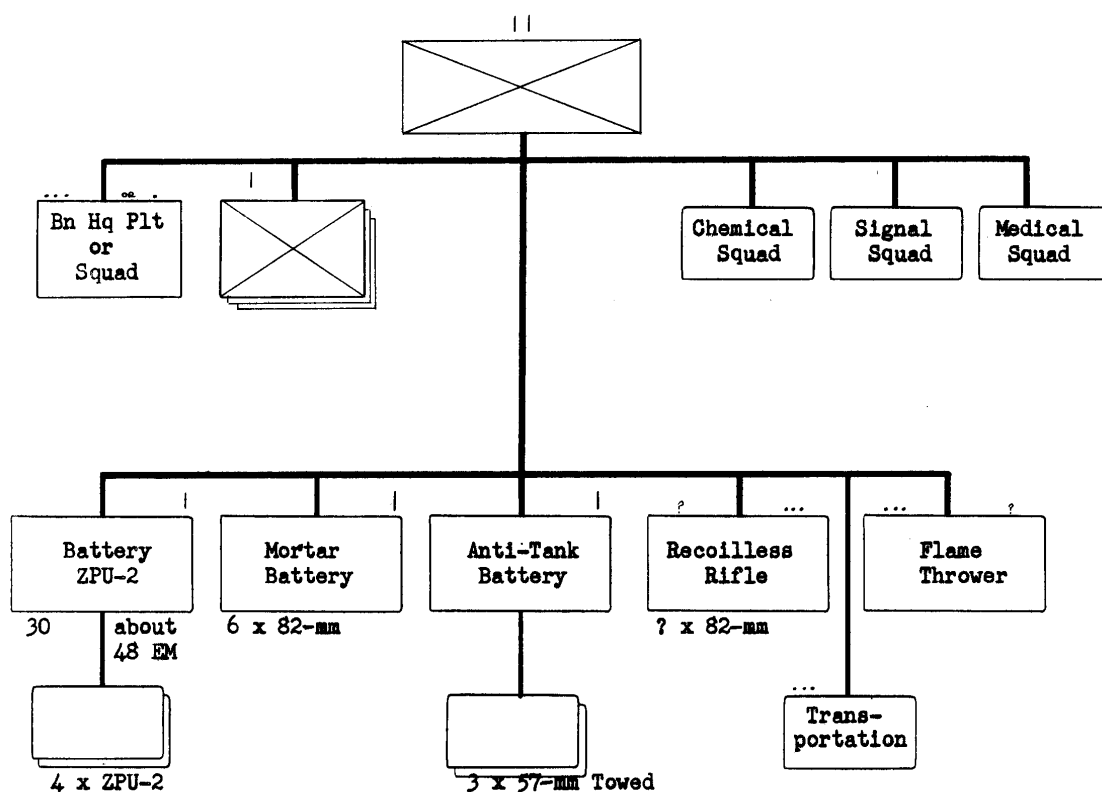
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Annex B

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NOTE: The heavy MG company was eliminated in 1957 or 1958. The explanation given at the officers' school was that the machinegun fire power of the infantry companies (AK plus HMG) was adequate and required no support from the battalion.

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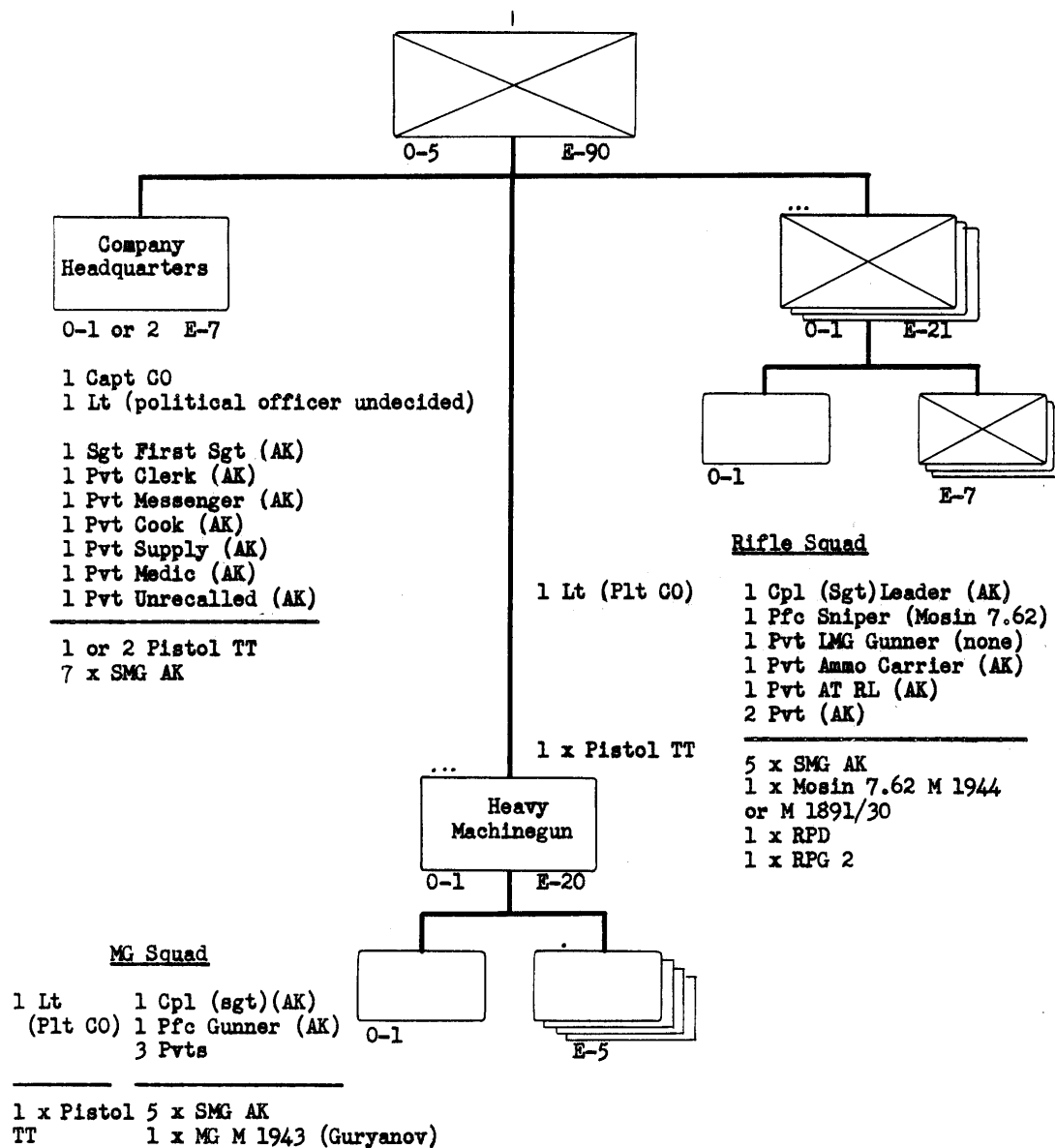
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Annex C

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